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SUBJECT: JAPAN SCIENCE SOCIETY'S SPACE EXHIBIT

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1. STILL ANOTHER DELEGATION HAS CALLED ON SCICOUNS TO PLEAD FOR US UNDERSTANDING FOR AND APPRECIATION OF JSS OBJECTIVES IN HOLDING SPACE EXHIBIT. LATEST GROUP CONSISTED OF YUICHI KATSUYA, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE INFORMATION AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DIVISION, SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION; YUTAKA SUGIYAMA, KATSUYA'S DEPUTY; OGAMU WATANABE, DIRECTOR, PLANNING COMMITTEE, JSS; AND MR. YAMASHITA, THE JSS STAFFER AND INTERPRETER.

2. KATSUYA DID MOST OF TALKING. WITHOUT REPORTING GROUND COVERED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, ESSENCE OF KATSUYA'S REMARKS WAS THAT MOE IS IN FAVOR OF JSS EXHIBIT AND SOLICITS USG'S COOPERATION, BUT NEITHER CAN ENDORSE EXHIBIT OFFICIALLY AT THIS TIME NOR TAKE GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. HE PROPOSED FOLLOWING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH COULD
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BE FOLLOWED:

A. USG AGENCY (NASA PRESUMABLY) WOULD PRESENT LIST OF SPACE ARTIFACTS WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN PRINCIPLE FOR USE IN EXHIBIT, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT RECEIPT OF LIST BY JAPANESE DID NOT CONSTITUTE COMMITMENT ON PART OF USG TO ACTUALLY FURNISH EQUIPMENT.

B. JSS WOULD PREPARE DETAILED PLAN FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT IF KINDS OF EQUIPMENT OFFERED WERE SUCH THAT JSS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH EXHIBIT. IF EQUIPMENT LIST DID NOT MEET JSS EXPECTATION, ENTIRE MATTER WOULD BE DROPPED.

C. PLAN WOULD BE REVIEWED BY MOE TO INSURE THAT IT WAS IN CONFORMANCE WITH PUBLIC POLICY (E.G., TRAFFIC CONTROL, INSURANCE, SECURITY, AND PROBABLY MANY OTHER FACTORS). IF PLAN WERE FOUND ACCEPTABLE TO MOE, EXHIBIT WOULD BE "ENDORSED," BUT MOE WOULD HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. USG COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PLAN ALSO IF IT DESIRED.

D. USG WOULD THEN BE ASKED BY JSS TO PROVIDE ARTIFACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED LIST, USING MOE "ENDORSEMENT" AS EVIDENCE OF GOJ INVOLVEMENT.

3. EMBOFF ASKED KATSUYA IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SUBMIT ABOVE PROPOSAL IN WRITING TO USG AS OFFICIAL POSITION OF MOE. KATSUYA DECLINED, SAYING THAT HE COULD SUBMIT ONLY PERSONAL LETTER, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ACTING ON ADVICE OF MOE ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER KIDA.

4. FOLLOWING IS LATEST LIST AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY OF ARTIFACTS DESIRED BY JSS:
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- A. MOONROCK OR ROCKS (ROCK TO BE TOUCHABLE BY VISITORS)
- B. SATURN V LAUNCH VEHICLE (BACK-UP)
- C. APOLLO COMMAND MODULE (RETURNED CAPSULE)
- D. LUNAR LANDING MODULE (BACK-UP)
- E. LUNAR ROVING VEHICLE (BACK-UP)
- F. APOLLO SPACE SUIT (USED ON MOON)
- G. LUNAR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT
- H. VIKING SPACECRAFT (BACK-UP)
- I. TITAN III - CENTAUR (BACK-UP)
- J. SPACE SHUTTLE (FULL SCALE MODEL OR SMALLER OPERATING MODEL)
- K. SKYLAB (ORBITAL WORKSHIP)
- L. LANDSAT SATELLITE
- M. MARISAT SATELLITE
- N. NAVY NAVIGATION SATELLITE
- O. MISCELLANEOUS FILMS

5. COPY OF EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS IN ENGLISH DATED 7/8/77 BEING POUCHED TO EA/J; LIST OF ARTIFACTS ABOVE TAKEN FROM PROSPECTUS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DOES PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 2

MEET USG CRITERIA FOR INVOLVEMENT OF GOJ IN EXHIBIT?
REPLY REQUESTED FOR FORWARDING TO MOE AND JSS.
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